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THE GRAND PALACE
OF EMPEROR LORCA...

...FOR THE EXCITING
START TO THE
FESTIVITIES....

ARE YOUR
FORCES PREPARED,
SUEURACEEN?

I AM PREPARED. IF
THE PEOPLE RIOT,
THE GORE WILL
RUN THICK.

YOU ARE A FOOL, LORCA, TO
RISK EVERYTHING LIKE THIS! IF
YOU HAD LET ME HANDLE THIS-

I'M LETTING YOU HANDLE IT NOW! DON'T BICKER
WITH ME. NOT WHEN THINGS ARE SO CLOSE TO THE
EDGE.

GRIMMAX
WILL PLAY.

YOU'D BETTER HOPE SO.
THE PEOPLE WORSHIP
THIS MAN. IF HE DOES NOT
PLAY, IT'S CIVIL WAR.

AND HOW YOU THOUGHT
ABOUT WHICH SIDE YOUR
PRECIOUS EARTHLINGS
WILL SUPPORT?

LET ME TAKE
CARE OF THEM
NOW, BEFORE...

NO!

THEY ARE TOO POWERFUL. WATCH
THEM CLOSELY, BUT DON'T ACT UNTIL
WE RUN OUT OF OPTIONS.

IF YOU FAIL,
WE WON'T GET
A SECOND
CHANCE.

I WON'T
NEED ONE.

MY FORCES
WILL BE READY.

IT WON'T
MATTER.

GRIMMAX WILL
PLAY. THINGS WILL
BE ALL RIGHT.

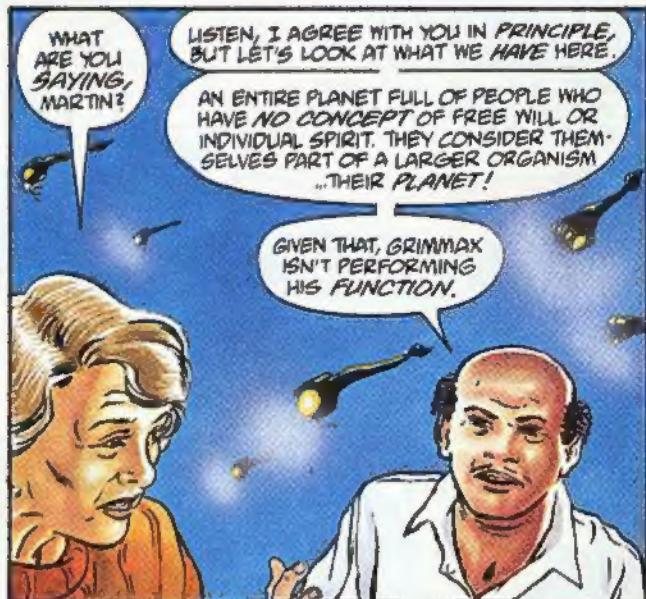
ELSEWHERE, WITHIN THE PALACE...

IF GRIMMAX DOESN'T PLAY, THESE PEOPLE ARE GONNA FREAK!

SOMEBODY'D BETTER KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO THAT GUY.

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, SHOOTER?

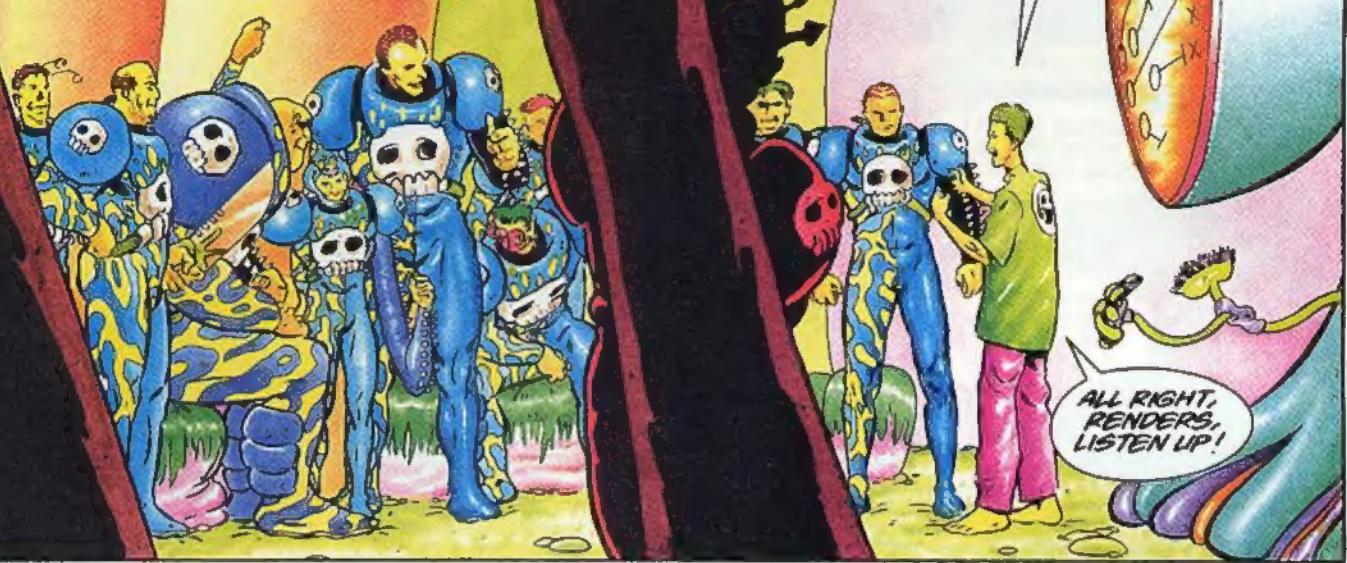
I SAY WE PUT A STOP TO THIS MADNESS!



SKULLRENDERS' LOCKER ROOM
IN THE GRAND SPLATTERDOME...

YOU GAVE US
QUITE A SCARE THERE,
GRIMMAX.

GOOD SHOW,
MAN! I KEEP 'EM
GUESsing.



I'VE BEEN AT THIS GAME A LONG TIME, BEEN THROUGH THE HIGHS AND THE LOWS, AS YOUR FIELD GENERAL, IT'S MY JOB TO PREPARE YOU FOR ANY EVENTUALITY. THE SLIGHTEST MISTAKE AND WE COULD ALL BE OFF TO THE MULCH PITS!

WHEN GRIMMAX DISAPPEARED AND THINGS LOOKED BLEAK, YOU ALL WORKED HARD TO MAKE THE BEST OF IT.

WE DRILLED AND PLANNED AND PRACTICED HARD FOR A TOUGH WAR WITH THE DANGEROUS BLOOD-HONEYs.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW I'M PROUD OF HOW HARD YOU'VE WORKED...

...BUT NOW YOU CAN FORGET ALL THAT USELESS STUFF!



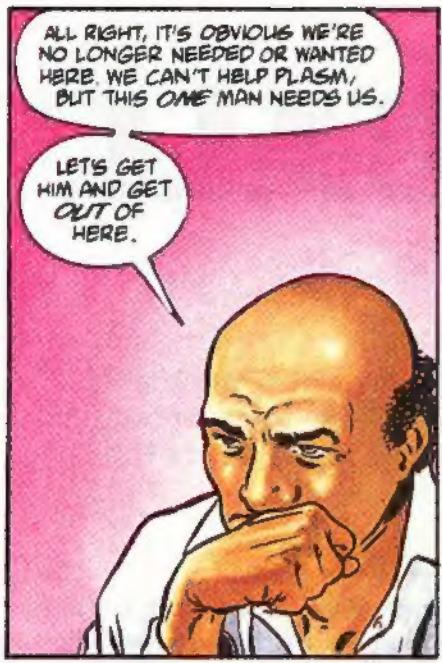
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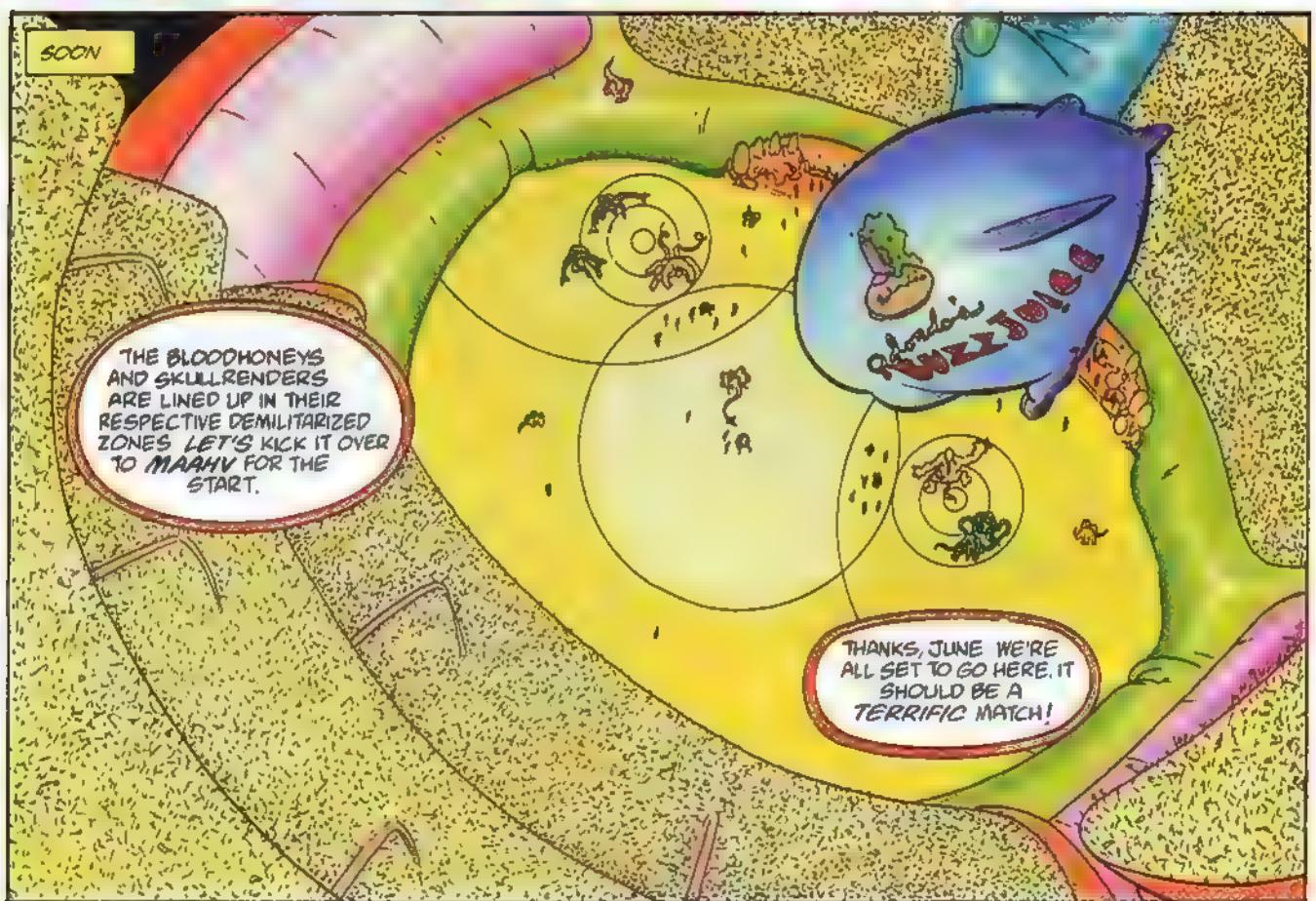
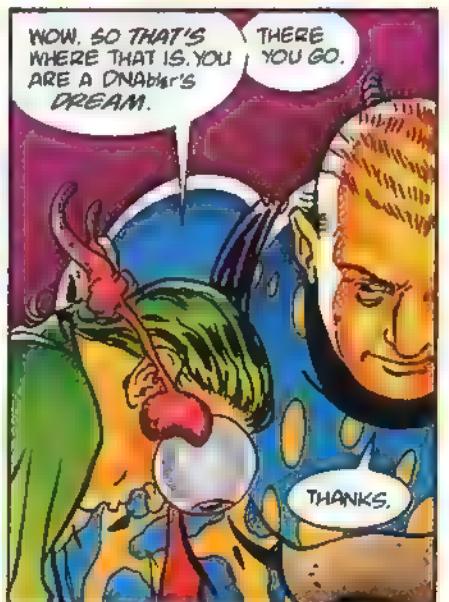


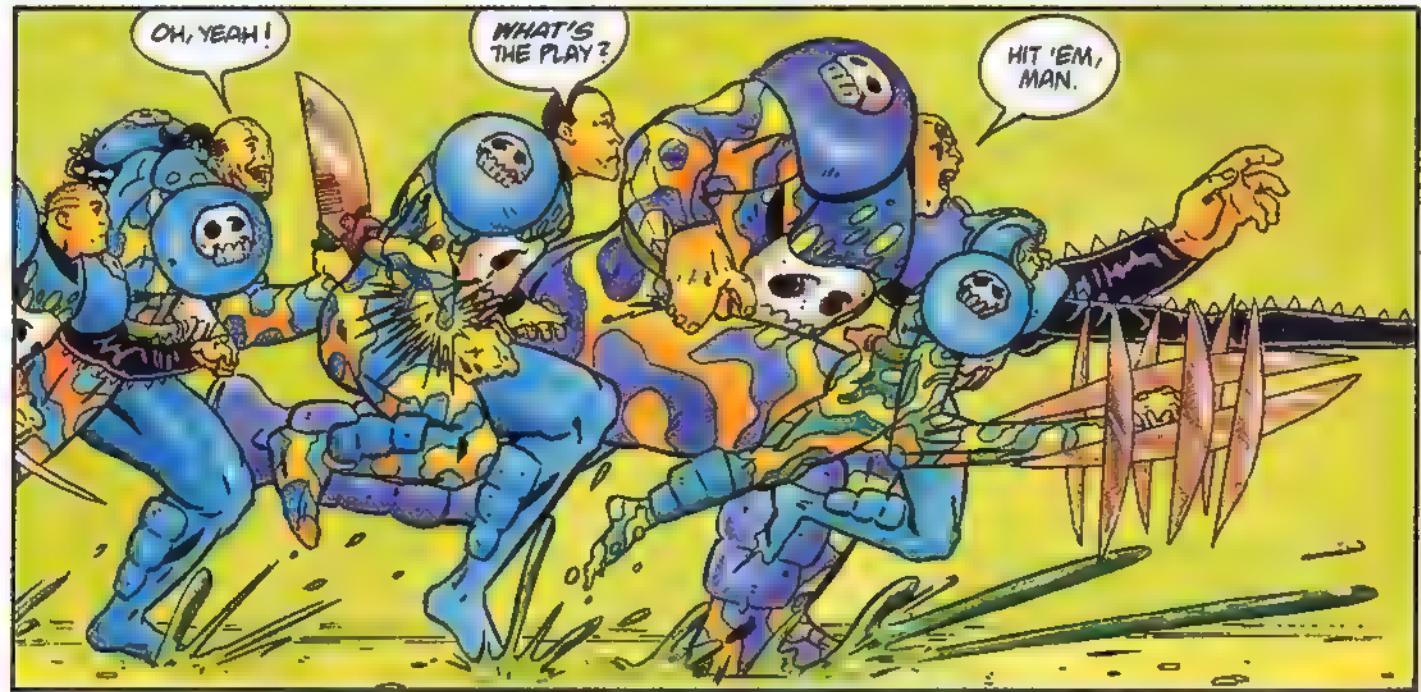


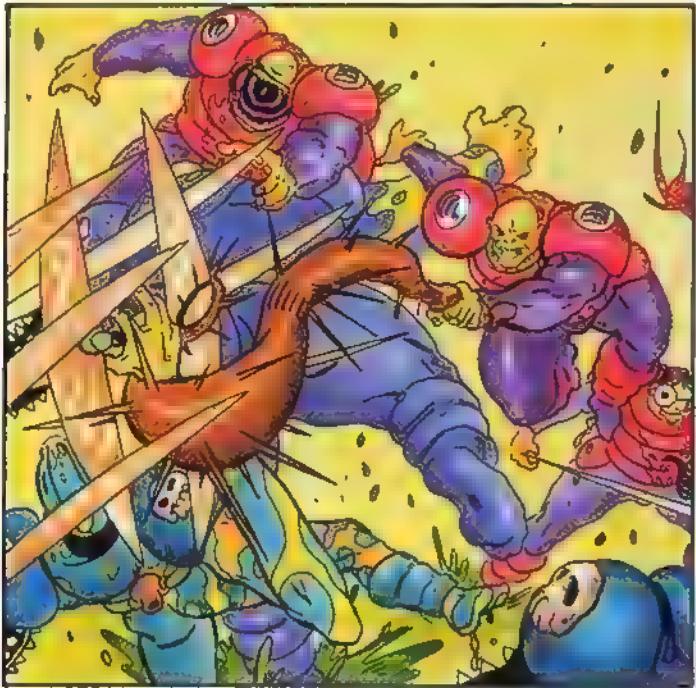
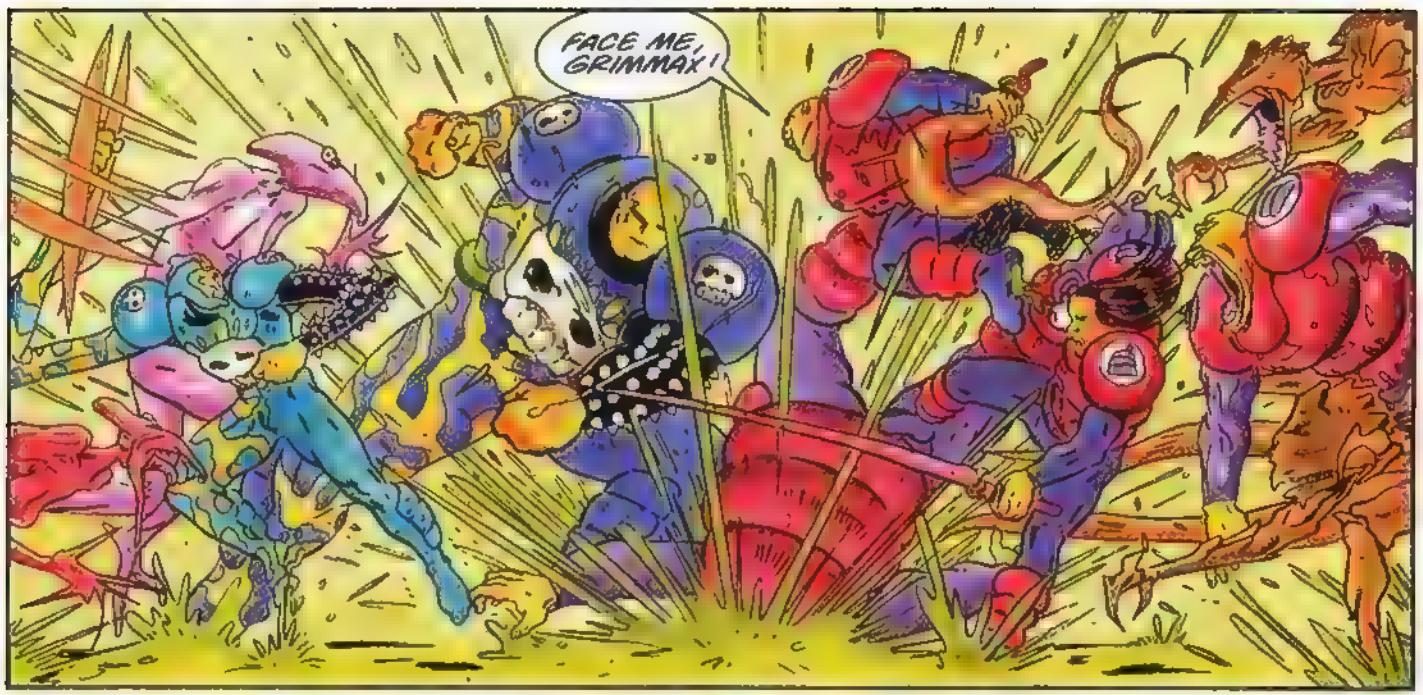












BACK AT THE PALACE.

